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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1720

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PLO, LW
SUBJECT: REMARKS OF WALID JUMBLATT

REF: BEIRUT 1527

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON MARCH 28, WALID
JUMBLATT SAID THE FOLLOWING:

2. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN WEST BEIRUT WAS DANGEROUS.
NONE OF THE PARTIES, INCLUDING HIS OWN PSP, COULD
DISCIPLINE THEIR FOLLOWERS, AND ARMED MEN WERE TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION TO GO OUT ON THE
STREET FOR CRIMINAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL PURPOSES. HE
PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO
PREVENT VIOLENCE BY HIS PEOPLE. AMERICANS SHOULD BE
VERY CAREFUL AT THIS TIME, WALID SAID. "I DO NOT WANT
TO ACCUSE ANYBODY", BUT THERE WERE PEOPLE
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WHO COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS. (HE DID NOT SAY WHO.)

3. AS HE HAD NOTED TO AMBASSADOR PARKER, WALID SAID
THERE HAD NOT YET BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION
IN SECURITY IN THE SHUF. HE FEARED, HOWEVER, THAT THE
ISRAELIS AND CHRISTIANS MIGHT DRIVE THE PALESTINIANS
NORTH UP INTO THE SHUF, OR THAT CURRENT TENSIONS MIGHT

RESULT IN FIGHTING BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND DRUZE IN THE SHUF.

4. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER THE ISRAELI INVASION HAD IN ANY WAY CHANGED THE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, WALID REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO LOVE LOST BETWEEN DRUZE AND PALESTINIANS. WITHOUT THE PALESTINIANS, HOWEVER, THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT IN LEBANON WAS "NOTHING," HE SAID. "WE USE THE PALESTINIANS, BUT THEY USE US MORE."
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